

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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STATE AND COUNTY SOCIETY ACTIVITIES SERA MEDICAL PROGRAM

After several months of conferences, disappointments and delays, it has been at last possible to perfect an SERA program for medical care for those on relief. On March 27 the following bulletin was sent out. It is hoped that county societies will expedite their local arrangements.

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Important Instructions

March 27, 1935.

To Officers, Councilors, and County Secretaries:

1. I am delighted to be able to at last announce a definite plan for providing medical care for persons on SERA relief. This has been approved by Mr. McLaughlin, the State Administrator.

2. In my conference with Mr. McLaughlin on March 22, the following agreement was executed:

(a) The State Commission will appoint two of its members who will join with two members appointed by the California Medical Association to form a medical advisory commission. This advisory committee will serve to aid and direct a State program for medical care, and will serve in an advisory capacity to Mr. McLaughlin and the State Medical Director.

(b) A State Medical Director will be appointed. The medical director will supervise and approve plans for county medical relief.

(c) County medical societies are to appoint a local committee of three, who will advise and work with the County Relief Administrator.

(d) Mr. McLaughlin will send out in a few days a bulletin to all county administrators, directing them to comply with these instructions.

(e) FERA Bulletin No. 7 will be used as a general guide in establishing certain forms of county medical relief plans.

(f) The following fees have been agreed upon:

Office calls\$1.25
House visits..... 1.75

3. Your county society should immediately record the following action:

(a) Appoint a local committee of three to advise with your county administrator.

(b) This committee should be prompt to arrange for a conference with your county administrator and perfect your local arrangements and secure approval and inauguration of your plan.

4. This communication and the bulletins of Mr. McLaughlin should be used in securing prompt action on the part of your county administrator.

Please report whatever action is agreed upon in your county.

Sincerely,

F. C. WARNSHUIS, M. D.,
Secretary.

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April 24.—The Medical Advisory Committee is working in close cooperation with the SERA Administrator. At a conference today the State Administrator stated that he had sent out an order to county administrators that their county medical plan must be submitted by May 1. That in formulating a county

plan the County Administrator must consult with and come to an agreement with the representatives of the County Medical Society.

County societies should press their work, complete their plans, secure approval in order that medical services be made available and doctors obtain remuneration for their services.

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RÉSUMÉ OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 13, 1935

The Executive Committee of the Council met in San Francisco April 13, 1935. All the members were present.

Details relating to the annual meeting were reported on and discussed. On April 10 there were 916 confirmed hotel reservations.

The Secretary was instructed to arrange for the medical exhibit at the San Diego Fair.

The Executive Committee, following mail vote of the Council, provided additional funds to complete the work of the Committee of Five.

The committee approved the appointment of Drs. Morton Gibbons, Sr., and Harry Wilson to represent the Association on the SERA Medical Advisory Committee.

An invitation was received from the American Medical Association to send a representative to a Medico-Economic Conference in Chicago on April 27. Several nominations were made, and the Secretary was directed to arrange for one of these nominees to attend as California's representative.

A lengthy presentation of legislative matters was discussed and recommendations were made to the Legislative Committee.

Adjourned at 3 p. m.

F. C. WARNSHUIS, Secretary.

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YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS SERVE YOU

Over a considerable number of years we have wondered time and time again whether members recognized and appreciated the contributions and services that fellow members rendered to fellow members. Your executive and administrative officers have long since learned that in emergencies or when special activities required action that then, in response to a call, designated members would respond. These men would cancel their engagements, leave their homes and sacrifice their time and personal interests to serve their fellow members. During the past six weeks we have witnessed an outstanding instance of such service.

At the special meeting on March 2 and 3, our Association committed itself to a definite policy related to health insurance. By resolution the House of Delegates delegated the drafting and application of that policy and the safeguarding of professional interests to a special committee, composed of six fellow members. It is to that committee at this time that a very genuine and sincere expression of appreciation and thanks is tendered.

Six fellow members, appointed by Speaker Pallette, recognized their responsibility and the need for prompt action. They canceled all their engagements and devoted themselves to the task of carrying out their instructions and complying with the desires of their fellow members. Meetings!—would we could describe

them. Sessions—not one, but more than twenty, commencing at 9 a. m. and often lasting till the wee hours of the morning. One morning one member was seen leaving an all-night session at eight o'clock, tired and hollow-eyed. It is men such as he and his co-laborers who have made American medicine and the California Medical Association.

Such services are assurance to all members that their professional and personal interests, now and for the future, are being safeguarded and enhanced by fellow members who serve you on committees, Council, and in office. That is why membership should be highly prized.

To this committee, at this time, do we offer our expressions of deep appreciation: Doctors T. Henshaw Kelly, Walter B. Coffey, Junius B. Harris, E. T. Remmen, Fred R. DeLappe, and Joseph Catton.

The Advisory Committee, composed of Doctors Clarence G. Toland, A. J. Scott, Edward M. Pallette, Henry Dietrich, Los Angeles; Rodney A. Yoell, LeRoy Brooks, Irving S. Ingber, Loren R. Chandler, Langley Porter, San Francisco; Victor W. Hart, Yreka; Lemuel P. Adams, Oakland; W. W. Roblee, Riverside; Louis A. Packard, Bakersfield; Robert A. Peers, Colfax; Dewey Powell, Stockton; Lyell C. Kinney, San Diego, likewise merit hearty thanks for their time and services. To Professor John B. Canning the Association is indebted for his time, interest and helpful advice. Mr. Hartley F. Peart, our legal counsel, was indefatigable in his assistance. Our thanks is but little reward, still it does record our sentiments.

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OFFICIAL CALL, AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SESSION

To the Officers, Fellows, and Members of the American Medical Association:

The eighty-sixth annual session of the American Medical Association will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, from Monday, June 10 to Friday, June 14, 1935.

The House of Delegates will convene on Monday, June 10.

The Scientific Assembly of the Association will open with the general meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, at 8:30 p. m.

The various sections of the Scientific Assembly will meet Wednesday, June 12, at 9 a. m. and at 2 p. m., and subsequently according to their respective programs.

WALTER L. BIERRING, *President.*

FREDERICK C. WARNSHUIS,

Speaker, House of Delegates.

Attest:

OLIN WEST, *Secretary.*

Chicago, Illinois, March 25.

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CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS

The March 30 number of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* contains the annual hospital report. The data on hospitals are the most complete, accurate and up to date that have ever been assembled in any publication.

Recently certain persons broadcast through the public press that 1,300 counties in the country, with a population of 18,000,000, have no hospitals and that these people were deprived of hospital services. This hospital number refutes that statement.

California has 382 hospitals. Of this number, 239 are general and they reported 63.4 per cent occupancy. The general hospitals have 29,550 beds and admitted 403,583 patients. There are forty-one nervous and mental hospitals, with 25,085 beds and 23,505 patients. Tuberculosis hospitals number forty-two, with 4,520 beds and with 3,872 resident patients. There are nine maternity hospitals with 338 beds that admitted 1,311 patients, and an average daily census of 249. Industrial hospitals number 10, with 721 beds; and two eye, ear, nose, and throat hospitals, with 50 beds. There are 3 children's hospitals, 2 orthopedic, 116 isolation, 13 convalescent, 12 institutional, and 7 miscellaneous.

These 382 hospitals provide 63,149 beds and 3,075 bassinets. They admitted, in 1934, some 454,070 patients, and had a daily census of 48,851 patients.

These hospitals had 231 clinical laboratories, and 262 x-ray departments. Superintendents are classified as 120 physicians, 136 registered nurses, and 125 laymen.

The foregoing are but a few of the interesting facts in this report. The entire report is well worth studying.

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DISTINGUISHED BRITISH GUESTS

On August 4, a party of some two hundred physicians and surgeons, members of the British Medical Association, and the association's secretary will land in New York. They will travel across the country and arrive in Los Angeles August 12. They leave Los Angeles the morning of August 13 and arrive in San Francisco that evening. They sail from San Francisco the afternoon of August 14 for Australia, where the 1935 annual meeting of the British Medical Association will be held.

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SERA MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

State Administrator Frank Y. McLaughlin on April 15 appointed Mr. Edward H. Heller and Mrs. Earl F. Treadwell as his representatives upon the Medical Advisory Committee. These appointees, with Dr. Morton R. Gibbons and Dr. Harry H. Wilson, compose the committee that will inaugurate a State medical program for those on relief.

County societies, through a committee, are urged to contact their county administrator and adopt a plan of medical service. Prompt action is desired.

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AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FELLOWSHIP

In a report as of December 31, 1934, it is shown that there are 10,490 licensed physicians in California. Of this number, 3,260 are Fellows of the American Medical Association, and 2,042 are subscribers to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Possibly 75 per cent of these 2,042 subscribers are eligible to Fellowship. They can become Fellows at no additional cost; simply write in for an application blank.

Every one of our some 6,000 members should become a Fellow of the American Medical Association for obvious reasons. The same procedure governs. Send in for an application blank.

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CORPORATIONS ARE DENIED ANY RIGHT TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

Judge Michael L. McKinley of the Superior Court on March 22 decided the *quo warranto* case of Attorney-General Kerner against United Medical Service, Inc., brought to determine whether a corporation may practice medicine. Judge McKinley held that a corporation is not permitted to practice medicine in this State. Harry Eugene Kelly represented the Attorney-General as special counsel. Judge McKinley found that the United Medical Service, Inc., was usurping the liberty, privileges and franchise of engaging in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of human beings, contrary to the Medical Practice Act, and that judgment should be entered ousting that corporation from the franchise, occupation, and business of "holding itself out to the public as being engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of ailments of human beings, and from suggesting, recommending or prescribing any form of treatment for the palliation, relief, or cure of physical or mental ailments of persons, with the intention of receiving therefor either directly or indirectly any fee, or compensation, and from diagnosing, or attempting to diagnose, operate upon, profess to heal, prescribe for, or otherwise treat, any ailment, or supposed ailment, of another, and from maintaining an office for the examination or treatment of persons afflicted or alleged or supposed to be afflicted, by any ailment; and from usurping, intruding itself into, or unlawfully holding or executing any such franchise, occupation, or business, either by or through the services of physicians and surgeons duly licensed and registered under the Medical Practice Act, and employed and paid by the respondent, or otherwise."

The foregoing report is from the *Chicago Medical Society Bulletin*, and is concerned with a Chicago corporation.

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SICKNESS INSURANCE AND SICKNESS COSTS*

"Today 1,250,000 persons are employed full time in the care of the sick. Of these, some 150,000 are physicians and 60,000 are dentists. The vast majority are nurses, pharmacists, dietitians, record clerks, and all the assorted personnel of the hospital and medical staffs. . . .

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"The control of the care of the sick must be kept in the hands of the doctors and dentists, who are the only ones properly qualified to do this by education, experience, and legal licensure. . . .

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"The medical and dental professions cannot be forced into insurance plans. They must work out these plans for themselves on the basis of the needs of the situation. . . .

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"There are approximately 250 lay-dominated foundations in the United States, of which about 170 have as their major interest the control of medical care. The leading groups include the Rosenwald Fund, the International Health Board, the Twentieth Century Fund, and the Millbank Fund. . . .

"When President Roosevelt was elected he stated that his first consideration would be problems of recovery and relief. Apparently, when he left for his trip to Hawaii he decided that actual security control would be his next step, for he announced on his return that he was ready to attack the problem of greater economic security for the American people.

"He appointed a committee of four members of his cabinet—Secretaries Perkins, Cummings, Wallace, and Morgenthau—and in addition, Harry Hopkins, relief administrator. They selected E. E. Witte as head of a technical advisory staff. In turn, thirteen subadvisory staffs were appointed, that for medicine being headed by Edgar Sydenstricker of the Millbank Fund. Sydenstricker soon associated with himself as advisors, Michael Davis of the Rosenwald Foundation, Nathan Sinal of the Twentieth Century Fund, and Isidore Falk of the Millbank Fund.

"Eventually, when protests were made against this type of control over the proposals to be made for medicine and a request made for a medical advisory board, Drs. R. G. Leland and A. M. Simons of the American Medical Association Bureau of Medical Economics were added to this group. . . .

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"The American Medical Association and the American Dental Association favor controlled experimental investigation in the problems of providing care to all the people of the United States in the same way that they demand scientific study before embarking on any routine system of medical or dental care. Such experiments, in order to be proper experiments, shall naturally have to be under the direction of physicians and dentists."

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OUR CHANGING TIMES†

"The advancement of preventive medicine and the increased control of disease are hampered in every community by the fanatical cultist who opposes every type of medical investigation and development in public health. He is a menace to further control over the death rate from diphtheria, control of the spread of smallpox and of infantile paralysis, measles, and similar diseases, and even to investigations carried on in scientific laboratories." . . .

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"It is impossible in the time available to give a complete picture of sickness insurance abroad. Nevertheless, I can say that there has not yet been developed in any foreign nation a system of sickness care satisfactory to both the people and the physicians in the community where the system exists.

"One can mention particularly that the British system last year, with an income of \$41,000,000, had administrative expenses of \$23,000,000, and that the British system is not satisfactory since it cares only for the occasional illness that can be treated by the doctor in his home or

office. Surgical operations and obstetrical cases, which are the chief problems of the American people, are not considered in the British system. It does not cover the worker's family, but only the worker himself.

"The German system is in a state of chaos due to the revolution brought about by the Nazi Government. The average German workman, who today receives a wage of 30 marks per week, finds that 11 marks are deducted at the source for all types of insurance, care of the crippled, aged, mentally diseased, a state tax, and similar demands, leaving him only 19 marks of his weekly wage for personal use.

"The French system is also in a chaotic state, and in three instances the medical profession has gone on strike against health insurance. Three hundred physicians under the state system carry for themselves voluntary sickness insurance in voluntary companies.

"In Great Britain, moreover, some eight thousand physicians have formed an insurance union and allied themselves with the Federation of Labor in order to protect themselves from the state's invasion into medical practice.

"Finally, neither the French, German, nor English systems of economic care have accomplished for those countries a lowering of morbidity rates to a point equal to those of the United States at the present time.

"Tuberculosis is particularly an index of the work of preventive and medical care, and the tuberculosis morbidity rates today are lower in the United States than in any of the countries in which compulsory sickness insurance exists.

"So far as dental care is concerned, the quality of the teeth of the average American is definitely superior to that of the so-called 'best people' abroad." . . .

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"The creation of a compulsory sickness insurance system in any state involves the development of a vast bureau which may easily evolve into a political machine.

"Any group considering compulsory systems should find out whether or not the bureau to be developed will employ such a large personnel as to indicate the building of a new type of political machine, and, furthermore, whether or not the bureau for sickness insurance will involve more money spent by the state than for any other single interest."

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"People may still have the kind of medical care they had in 1895 and for the price they paid for such care in 1895. But medical science has advanced more since 1895 than in all the previous centuries. The new type of medical care naturally costs more than the old type did, for it is worth more." . . .

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"When you eat more intelligently, you improve your health, and naturally you pay more for an adequate and varied diet." . . .

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"The medical budget in the United States has never risen proportionally to the money expended in other fields (even for materials that were not available in 1895). There has been particularly an increased expenditure for cosmetics, tobacco, automobiles and automotive parts, movies, soda water, radios, confections, musical instruments, and so on—all of which represents a part of the increasing of America's desires and wants." . . .

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"Investigations indicate that 70 per cent of the people who call on a dentist come to him for relief of pain.

"When people are educated to the importance of dentistry they will come to the dentist for inspection of their teeth and for prophylaxis, so as to prevent the appearance of pain. This does not mean, however, that the State will be bound to provide for such prophylactic inspection of the teeth.

"When the public is sufficiently educated to the value of this service in comparison to the value of other things for which they spend their money, they themselves will provide for the right type of prophylactic care."

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"Propaganda is being used to allay social unrest by offering paternal care as a panacea." . . .

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"The charlatan of 1900 spoke from the back of his wagon to his little audience.

"The charlatan of 1935, whether political or medical, may speak at one time to twenty millions of people and sway them by slogans and by promises of Utopias that can never be realized." . . .

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"Much of the current demand for cheap or free medical care in this country is the result of the continuous fight which has been waged for the past fifteen years by philanthropic foundations, communistic, socialistic, and similar groups."

* Excerpts from Dr. Morris Fishbein's lecture before the California State Dental Association, April 8, 1935.

† Excerpts from Dr. Morris Fishbein's lecture before the Oakland Forum, April 9, 1935.

COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

The Humboldt County Medical Society met on March 21 at Eureka Inn for a 6:30 dinner, with President Charles C. Falk, Jr., in the chair. Eighteen members were present, and two guests, Dr. Howard C. Naffziger and Dr. O. W. Jones, Jr., of San Francisco.

Dr. O. R. Myers was appointed to organize a bowling team to accept a challenge from the Dental Association.

Dr. O. W. Jones, Jr., spoke on *Acute Head Injuries*, and Dr. Howard C. Naffziger on *Primary Hypertension*. These papers were very well received, the members staying until a late hour for further discussion.

LAWRENCE A. WING, *Secretary*.

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KERN COUNTY

At the last meeting of the Association the following resolutions on proposed reductions in the fee table for industrial accident work were passed:

WHEREAS, We are advised that the State Compensation Insurance Fund has applied for a hearing before the Industrial Accident Commission for a reduction of 25 to 50 per cent in the fee schedule for professional services rendered industrial accident patients; and

WHEREAS, The fee schedule for professional services is already much below that for similar work in private practice; being, in fact, so low that the fees granted are really less than they should be when all the responsibilities of the Fund, the workers, and the physicians are honestly taken into account; and

WHEREAS, For the Fund to lower its fee schedule still more would work a gross injustice to physicians, who as a class and as individuals are also workers, and who as a class give gratuitous service, which if translated into money values far exceeds that given by any other group to the care of indigent citizens; and

WHEREAS, Actuarial records increasingly show with passing years that the best investment for the economic administration of an insurance carrier (and that includes the State Fund) is a personnel on the industrial panel of the ablest type of physicians; since through their services there are fewer temporary and permanent disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The organized medical profession of the State as represented by the California Medical Association and its component county societies, is opposed to such a reduction of fees; because, so to do will be to the injury of the working men and women of California who come under the jurisdiction of the Workmen's Compensation Act, and be to the detriment and disadvantage of the State Treasury and to the State Fund, and would work a gross injustice upon the members of the medical profession, through whose efficient services much of the past success of the State Compensation Insurance Fund has been due; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That on behalf of the organized medical profession of California, the Kern County Medical Society herewith respectfully requests the Industrial Accident Commission to take no such action as had been proposed by the State Compensation Insurance Fund; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to His Excellency, Governor Frank Merriam, to each of the Fund commissioners, to the manager of the Fund, to the California Medical Association, to the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and to the official publication of the California Medical Association.

L. H. FOX, *Secretary*.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The scientific program of the meeting of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, held in the auditorium of the Association's building on April 4, was arranged by the Pediatric Section.

The subjects discussed were: *The Interdependence of Pediatrics and Orthodontics* by James David McCoy, D.D.S., associate professor of orthodontic surgery, and *Pneumonia of Children* by Earl E. Moody, M.D.

At this meeting honor was paid to past secretaries of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

The Association, in appreciation of the many years of untiring work that carried with it a large responsibility of stewardship of the Association's multitudinous affairs, presented to the three members who had officiated as secretary during the last twenty-five years

(Doctors George H. Kress, secretary from 1909 to 1919; Harlan Shoemaker, secretary from 1919 to 1931; and Harry H. Wilson, secretary from 1931 to 1934) engrossed scrolls carrying the following resolutions:

THIS SCROLL

As a token of appreciation and esteem for his services as secretary-treasurer. His untiring devotion and unselfish efforts in behalf of the Association, splendid leadership and a fine sense of justice, have resulted in a most successful administration. Given this the twenty-ninth day of March, Anno Domini 1935.

With these scrolls there were presented to Dr. Harlan Shoemaker and to Dr. Harry H. Wilson, watches bearing the inscription, "From their colleagues of the Los Angeles County Medical Association."

Dr. George H. Kress, in appreciation of his services as secretary during the years of 1909 to 1919, was presented with a watch by the Board of Councilors at the annual meeting of councilors in December, 1918.

The presentation speeches to Doctors Kress, Shoemaker, and Wilson were made by Dr. Clarence Toland, president of the California Medical Association, who in gracious manner spoke of the special services which had been rendered the Association and its members by the three recipients, who were the honored guests of the evening.

Past-president badges of the Association were also given to three recent presidents: Dr. William R. Molony, president for the year 1932; Dr. Charles T. Sturgeon, president for the year 1933; and Dr. Philip Stephens, president for the year 1934.

These special ceremonies were the more happy in that each of these former officers of the Association had played a real part in bringing into actual realization the headquarters building and the library in which the present-day members are finding such pleasure and value.

E. VINCENT ASKEY, *Secretary*.

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MARIN COUNTY

The Marin County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, March 28, at the Marin Golf and Country Club.

A most interesting discussion on *Some Osseous Signs of Malnutrition and Methods of Prevention* was given by the guest speaker, Dr. C. Ulysses Moore of Portland, Oregon. The talk was illustrated very cleverly by lantern slides and moving-picture reels.

Dr. Henry Rogers of Petaluma was also a guest of the evening, and gave a short informal talk on matters of medical organization.

CARL W. CLARK, *Secretary*.

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MONTEREY COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Monterey County Medical Society was held at the San Lucia Inn in Salinas on April 5. After the dinner a business meeting was held. The application for membership of Dr. Elliot Rouff was read, and he was voted into membership. A letter was read from the Stanislaus County Medical Society regarding maintaining the x-ray fee schedule, and it was voted to instruct our delegate to the Yosemite meeting to support their bill. It was also moved that President Davlin appoint a committee of three to meet with the local S.E.R.A. administrator regarding medical care for those on relief.

The scientific part of the program was given by Dr. John Merrill of Monterey, who presented a well-prepared paper on *Idiopathic Hypertension*. Doctor Merrill took up first the medical side of the subject, including in his remarks the x-ray and diathermy radiations over the adrenals, and then discussed the newer surgical procedures, especially those as related directly to the adrenals. A very interesting round-table discussion followed.

WILLIAM H. LAWLER, *Secretary*.

ORANGE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Orange County Medical Association was held at eight o'clock in the chapel of the Orange County Hospital, Doctor Dawes presiding.

The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. Charles Sturgeon of Los Angeles, who spoke on *Pulsion Diverticulæ of the Esophagus*. He reported on his series of twenty-five cases, methods of diagnosis, and the surgical technique. His talk was extremely interesting and was very well received by those present.

Doctor Tedstrom reported for the Constitution Committee, and noted several new changes in the proposed new constitution.

The SERA matter was brought up and, after general discussion, Dr. Russell Johnson moved that the Society appoint a committee of three members, to report within one week to the Board of Managers as to what should be done in regard to the SERA schedule; also that the Board of Managers be empowered to act for the Association. This was unanimously carried.

Dr. John Ball reported for the Industrial Accident Committee. The following motion was unanimously carried: Moved that the Orange County Medical Association approve and adopt the resolutions of the Los Angeles County Medical Association Council protesting the proposed cut of the industrial accident fee schedule and that this resolution be sent to Governor Merriam, Mr. Day, the Industrial Accident Commission, and to Dr. Junius B. Harris, urging that the medical department of the State Fund be preserved.

Doctor Maroon reported that the Medical Collection Committee was making progress. He also announced the program for the Tri-County Conference.

The first reading of Dr. Milton Counter's application for membership was heard.

Doctor Sutherland announced the clinic for crippled children to be held at the Ebell Club House on April 20. It was suggested that the medical association hold its own clinic once a year in connection with the State Health Department.

WALDO S. WEHRLY, *Secretary*.

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PLACER COUNTY

The Placer County Medical Society held its March meeting at the Freeman Hotel in Auburn on Sunday evening, the 17th, with Dr. Louis E. Jones presiding. In addition to the president, there were present the following members and visitors: Members—Doctors Paul Barnes, Dunievitz, Atkinson, C. C. Briner, Vinks, Empey, Mackay, Eveleth, Lewis, Kindopp, and Peers. Visitors—Dr. C. G. Toland of Los Angeles, president of the California Medical Association; Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis, Secretary of the California Medical Association; Dr. Junius B. Harris of Sacramento, chairman of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation; and Dr. E. E. Lundegaard of Weimar.

The applications for membership of Dr. Vernon W. Padgett of Alleghany and Dr. Ellert E. Lundegaard of Weimar were read for the second time and, on motion duly made and seconded, they were unanimously elected.

The application for transfer of the membership of Dr. Paul S. Phelps of Colfax, from the Litchfield County Medical Association of Connecticut, was presented together with transfer card signed by Dr. H. B. Hanchett, president, and W. Bradford Walker, secretary. The secretary stated that the application cannot be acted upon until Doctor Phelps has been a resident of Placer County for six months.

Following the consideration of routine business, the president introduced Dr. Junius B. Harris, who briefly discussed legislative matters of interest to the medical society.

The president then introduced Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis, who gave a résumé of the modern-day trend regarding health insurance and outlined the action of the House of Delegates pertaining to this matter during the past several sessions. He reviewed the work and plans for the future of the California Medical Association Committee on Public Relations,

explaining how the members of the Placer County Medical Society can cooperate with the committee. Doctor Warnshuis extended a very cordial invitation to each member of the Society to call upon him at any time he can be of service.

Dr. C. G. Toland was next introduced. Doctor Toland reviewed the work of the California Medical Association during the past year. He outlined for the members the various activities which the State Association is sponsoring in order that the people of the State may become better acquainted with what organized medicine is doing for the promotion of better health and for the care of the sick. Among other things Doctor Toland discussed the plan of the Council for a speakers' bureau and also the plan to have exhibits at State and County fairs. He gave in detail the plan for the exhibit at the San Diego Fair this summer.

Doctor Toland was given a most enthusiastic reception.

ROBERT A. PEERS, *Secretary*.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at the County Charity Hospital in San Bernardino on Tuesday, April 2.

Special programs for the staff meetings of the Loma Linda Sanatorium and St. Bernardine's Hospital were announced.

Dr. F. E. Clough discussed the program for the postgraduate conference to be held on April 16.

A letter from Mr. Ben Read was read, outlining the various bills of medical interest now before the State Legislature.

The application for membership of Dr. Edward Mahon of Fontana was favorably voted upon. Dr. Laven Bramwell's transfer from the Orange County Society was accepted.

Dr. W. W. Roblee, our district councilor, made a brief address on the reorganization of the Woman's Auxiliary and related some of our present legislative problems.

Mr. H. P. Thoreson, director of the San Bernardino SERA, explained that the medical program was discontinued because of lack of funds, but that it would be renewed on a limited basis on Monday, April 8. Mr. Thoreson explained the new program and answered various questions.

Dr. J. M. Walton, who was to have given a case report, was unavoidably detained in a directors' meeting in Los Angeles, and telephoned his apologies and regrets.

The program of the evening was given as follows: Dr. F. F. Abbott, chairman, reported for the Committee on Public Relations. Dr. A. B. Cook of Los Angeles gave an interesting talk on *Practical Aspects of the Goiter Problem*.

A. E. VARDEN, *Secretary*.

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the Medico-Dental clubroom, Stockton, at 8:15 p. m., Dr. C. A. Broadus presiding.

The meeting was preceded by the customary supper meeting at the Clark Hotel, which was called to order at 6:15 p. m. There were twenty members present and three guests. The speakers of the evening were: Doctor Broadus, who presented two cases; and Dr. D. R. Powell, who gave a report on the present status of the health legislation. Dr. Frank Vieira presented a patient, with demonstration of the reduction of a fractured os calcis, which was very interesting.

Doctor Broadus spoke briefly on the question of parking of automobiles, the status of the financing of the Medico-Dental Club, and the parking situation surrounding the building. Doctor Van Meter reported on the extension course of the California Medical Association. Dr. P. B. Gallegos moved that the committee that is working on the extension course circu-

larize the Society members and determine definitely how many would be interested in bringing the course to Stockton. This was seconded by Doctor Doughty, and the motion carried. Doctor Cressman reported on the Membership Committee and its progress.

Mr. Davidson of the State Board of Medical Examiners gave a very interesting talk on problems confronting the medical investigator. He emphasized very much that lay laboratories could not exist if they were not patronized by practitioners, and advised very strongly against their continued patronage.

Doctor Broadbuss announced that Doctor Nelson of Lodi was sick at the University Hospital. Doctor Doughty moved that the secretary write Doctor Nelson a letter, expressing the sympathy of the medical society. This was seconded by Doctor Hull, and the motion carried.

Dr. P. B. Gallegos announced that the Northern Medical Society would meet in Stockton on Saturday afternoon, April 27.

Doctors Reed and Johnstone presented the paper of the evening, on *Amebiasis*. This was illustrated with lantern and prepared microscopic slides. The paper evoked considerable discussion.

G. H. ROHRBACHER, *Secretary*.

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SONOMA COUNTY

The Sonoma County Medical Society held its regular meeting for the month of April in Cotati Inn, Cotati, on April 11, thirty-one guests and members being in attendance. Dr. D. G. Morton of the obstetric service of the University of California Hospital was present as guest speaker, and addressed the Society on the subject of the *Uses and Application of Obstetric Forceps*. His presentation was greatly appreciated by those present.

Dr. R. L. Zieber of Santa Rosa was elected to membership, and routine business was transacted. There was much discussion of the pressing medical problems of the day.

W. C. SHIPLEY, *Secretary*.

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TULARE COUNTY

A regular meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held on Sunday, March 24, at 6:30 p. m. at Motley's Café in Visalia, preceded by dinner. Dr. Ray Rosson, presiding.

Doctor Kohn, 1934 delegate to the special meeting of the California Medical Association House of Delegates, spoke on the actions taken.

Dr. William A. Winn of Springville was unanimously elected to membership.

An application for membership was received from Dr. John S. Glenn of Visalia and Exeter.

Dr. H. Glenn Bell, associate professor of surgery at the University of California Medical School, and in charge of postgraduate instruction in surgery, was our guest speaker. He read a most timely paper dealing with *The Early Surgical Treatment of Acute Cholecystitis*. Arguments for and against this trend of treatment were advanced and elaborated by means of lantern slides. Doctor Bell favors the early surgical treatment of the acute gall-bladder. General discussion followed his paper.

The remainder of the evening was then devoted to a rehearing of the events and actions leading to the recent special meeting. Doctor Kohn voiced his personal objections to the action taken by the Society at the last meeting and to the statements appearing in the local paper, and a letter to the secretary was read setting forth his objections.

After lengthy discussion it was felt the matter should be deferred for a later opinion.

KARL F. WEISS, *Secretary*.

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VENTURA COUNTY

The monthly meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held in the Ventura County Clinic Building on Tuesday, April 9.

Communications read were:

A resolution from the Industrial Accident Section of the Los Angeles County Medical Association condemning the proposed cut in the fee schedule for industrial accident cases.

A letter from the American Medical Association differentiating between membership and fellowship in the association.

A letter from the State Secretary in regard to the x-ray fee schedule. Also the one dealing with S.E.R.A. cases.

The above resolution was heartily endorsed. Our delegate was instructed to abide by the recommendations of the Association's special committee in regard to the x-ray fee schedule. Doctor Homer was appointed chairman of the committee to cooperate with the local relief administrator. No definite action was taken, as the county administrator had received no instructions from the state administrator.

Due to lack of volunteers for duty in the public health educational program, it was decided to draft speakers for the various communities in the county.

Dr. Joseph Risser of Los Angeles, who was introduced by Dr. Sterling Clark, gave an illustrated lecture on *Scoliosis*. A good discussion ensued.

A. A. MORRISON, *Secretary*.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

(New Members (81))

Alameda County.—Ernest A. Lopez, John P. Martin.

Contra Costa County.—Tim Leon.

Los Angeles County.—

Edwin A. Beard
R. Allen Behrendt
Louis O. Bennett
John B. Dooley
Arthur N. Bobbitt
Louis Boonschaft
William W. Braithwaite
Frank O. Brigham
Clyde F. Browning
L. Dudley Bumpus
Edward M. Butt
Charles M. Conkling
Ernest D. Cook
Burt Lee Doane
Leland W. Ellis
A. I. Epstein
Darius Eshoo
Jacob F. Feldman
Harry I. Geshelin
Arnold L. Gibson
George H. Ham
Joseph W. Hankins
Thomas E. W. Harding
Harold Harris

Harry H. Heidenreich
N. G. Hickey
Arthur E. Hollenbeck
Howard E. Horner
Delia A. Lynch
E. F. Maginn
David G. Miller
Robert R. Montgomery
Francis J. Morris
John R. Neal
Thomas J. O'Neill
Solomon Reina
Frank M. Schmidt
Hollis E. Sides
Robert C. Smedley
Bernard H. Smith
Richard C. Smith
Joel J. Pressman
David T. Proctor
Lester H. Rhymes
James Rosoff
Frank W. Young
Byron K. Zaring

Mendocino County.—Charles A. Craig, Charles W. Leach.

Napa County.—Avonia E. Kiser, C. Lyon Wood.

Orange County.—George Paulson, Erving L. Rogers.

Placer County.—Ellert E. Lundegaard, Vernon W. Padgett.

Sacramento County.—Elliott L. Adams.

San Bernardino County.—Howard D. Inghram, James W. Moreland.

San Diego County.—William H. Halsey, L. J. Langlois.

San Francisco County.—Elizabeth Chabanoff, Elson J. Masters, Alice Potter, Francis Rochez, Charles L. Rubenstein, Edith M. Stoker, William A. Sumner, Frederick C. Warnshuis.

San Luis Obispo County.—Harry McGarvey.

San Mateo County.—John N. Blood, Charles O. Morse.

Santa Clara County.—Marshall E. Porter, John C. Sharp, John C. Wilson.

Solano County.—Carlton C. Purviance.

Stanislaus County.—Joseph L. Azevedo, Andrew Van de Pol, Harris R. Wilson.

Transferred (3)

Charles Benninger, Jr., from San Francisco County to Butte County.

Lavon Bramwell, from Orange County to San Bernardino County.

Frederick J. Crease, from Kern County to Los Angeles County.

Resigned (3)

E. M. Bixby, from San Francisco County.

Ervin J. Caspar, from San Francisco County.

Clarence Crane, from Humboldt County.

In Memoriam

Kelley, Gilbert A. Died at Reno, January 27, 1935, age 46. Graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles, 1913, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Kelley was a member of the Fresno County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Moore, Dwight S. Died at Pasadena, March 16, 1935, age 69. Graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, 1887. Licensed in California in 1912. Doctor Moore was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

CANCER COMMISSION*

Sunday Conferences

Sunday, May 12, at the Ahwahnee, the usual microscopic pathology and radiology conference will be held.

The Pathology Conference will begin at 10 a. m. and members will need to arrive in the Valley the evening before or drive in from Merced early Sunday morning.

No microscopes will be available and it will be necessary for each member to bring his own.

Space will be limited to forty. Members desiring to attend should register at once with the committee or with the secretary of the Cancer Commission, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

Committee on Pathology Conference:

Z. E. BOLIN
R. A. GLENN

Radiology Conference.—In view of the examinations being held in San Francisco by the American Board of Radiology it is proposed to hold only an afternoon session of the conference this year. The session, therefore, will be between 2 and 5 p. m., and will be held only if a sufficient number of members or registrations are received.

Yosemite Valley may be reached by train from San Francisco in ample time to attend this meeting, or may be reached by automobile from most parts of the state in an average time of about seven hours.

If you will attend the conference, will you kindly notify the undersigned at once?

The Committee on X-Ray Malignance Conference:

L. H. GARLAND
R. R. NEWELL
A. C. SIEFERT

* The Cancer Commission was brought into being by the House of Delegates of the California Medical Association to aid in the furtherance of all efforts to combat cancer. The roster of officers and the central office of the Commission to which communications may be sent is printed in this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE (see front cover directory). This column is conducted by the Secretaries of the Commission.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

MRS. PHILIP SCHUYLER DOANEPresident
MRS. ELMER BELT.....Editor and Chairman of Publicity

State Auxiliary News

New County Prospects.—Mrs. Arthur W. Walker of Riverside, a councilor-at-large, and a member of the State Committee on Membership and Organization, has reported to the state president, Mrs. Philip Schuyler Doane, that an Auxiliary unit is to be formed in San Bernardino early in May. At the March meeting of the Riverside County Auxiliary, which Mrs. Doane attended and addressed, San Bernardino sent representatives and expressed a desire to reorganize. Such plans are now proceeding under the leadership of Mrs. Walter Pritchard of San Bernardino. Word has come, too, from Mrs. Fred J. Davis of Westwood that eligibles from both Plumas and Lassen counties met on March 20, and during a grand flurry of sudden snow that in no way diminished their enthusiasm, decided to organize and wrote to Mrs. William H. Sargent of Oakland, State Chairman of Membership and Organization, for guidance. In February the Siskiyou County Medical Society wrote, expressing interest and asking organization procedure. So before the official year terminates in the annual convention at Yosemite, there will doubtless be one or even two more counties to add to the three already formed since last May. These are Kern, Santa Clara, and San Luis Obispo.

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County Auxiliary Reports

Alameda County.—The Woman's Auxiliary to the Alameda County Medical Association held their March meeting on the 15th at the Claremont Country Club. Hostesses for the occasion were: Mrs. N. N. Ashley, and Mrs. Leonard and her committee. Luncheon preceded the afternoon program, at which Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis, Speaker of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association, and Secretary-Treasurer of the California Medical Association, spoke upon *Medical Legislation*.

The Alameda Auxiliary took an active part as a distinct unit in the Community Chest drive. Under the leadership of Mrs. William H. Sargent as colonel and Mrs. Leonard Barnard as major, a battalion of our members achieved the success of obtaining the full percentage of their quota. It was an interesting experience for the members, who gained much knowledge of conditions unknown to them before; and also performed a real service to the community as well.

MRS. A. W. HENRY, *Publicity Chairman*.

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Contra Costa.—The Auxiliary to the Contra Costa Medical Society held their March meeting on the 12th at the home of Mrs. W. E. Cunningham of Richmond. The highlight of the business meeting was the election of officers for 1934-1935, who are: President, Mrs. H. L. Carpenter of Richmond; vice-president, Mrs. L. H. Hedges, also from Richmond; second vice-president, Mrs. M. L. Bolender of Walnut Creek; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Kaho Daily of Richmond.

The *Hygeia* chairman reported on her project of contacting schools in the county. Dues have been sent

* As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Elmer Belt, chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, 2200 Live Oak Drive, Los Angeles. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Belt and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the editor to allocate two pages in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.

in for fifteen members this year. Following the business session, Mrs. Cunningham invited the doctors for an hour of music. She presented several numbers, some of which were her own compositions. Following the musical program, dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. S. N. WEIL, *Secretary*.

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Kern County.—The Kern County Medical Auxiliary met for their March meeting at the Hotel Padre in Bakersfield. Luncheon was served at tables gay with bouquets of wild flowers fresh from the fields near by. Mrs. N. N. Brown, county president, asked as honor guest and speaker of the day, Dr. J. P. Dunshee, State Director of Public Health, who, accompanied by Mrs. Dunshee, had come from Sacramento on a tour through the south. Doctor Dunshee, in a clear and concise speech, pictured the history of public health work in California and outlined the objectives of his department. To enlist community interest and coöperation in public health work, various civic groups and service clubs had been invited to send representatives, and all responded in fine spirit. There were present members from the Women's University Club, the seventh district of the Parent-Teacher Association, Exchange Club, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, the Dairymen's Association, Soroptomist, and the Women's Club of Bakersfield. Mrs. Brown announced at the close of the meeting that the Kern Auxiliary would support a standing committee to be ready to serve in the cause of health projects at any time. Mrs. Louis A. Packard was in charge of the reservations for the day, and Mrs. T. M. McNamara, Jr., assisted Mrs. Brown in the general arrangements.

Mrs. LOUIS A. PACKARD, *Secretary*.

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Los Angeles County.—Over 150 members attended the luncheon meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Los Angeles County Medical Association held at the Association building on March 26, our president, Mrs. John V. Barrow, presiding. The absence of one of our most cherished friends was keenly felt—that of Mrs. Doane, who is making a splendid recovery from a serious injury received while motoring. A wire to express our comradeship and flowers to cheer her progress were sent her direct from the meeting. Mrs. Barrow announced the appointment of Mrs. P. A. Quaintance, one of our members, as chairman of the health program for the tenth district of the Parent-Teacher Association.

In introducing the first of the two speakers of the day, Mrs. Mabel V. Socha, the president of the Board of Park Commissioners of the city, Mrs. Barrow mentioned the fine work done by this commission for the beautification of the city. Mrs. Socha spoke on the new Griffith Observatory on the Hollywood hills of the park, describing the Planetarium and several of the scientific exhibits, and depicting the addition to the educational and cultural life of the city of this fine contribution. The second speaker was Dr. Nadina R. Kavinoky, herself a doctor's wife, whose subject was *The Doctor's Wife in the Community*. She stressed the fact that we, as doctors' wives, should be active leaders within our field of influence in clubs, Parent-Teacher groups, and health organizations. Doctor Kavinoky stated that women need particular direction along two lines: one concerning reducing diets, and the other concerning abortions. She urged women to think in terms of the shattered lives resulting from ignorance and misinformation, and to remember the importance of emphasizing correct health information wherever possible.

On the calendar for the month were also two teas. Mrs. Clifford Wright entertained at her home in honor of the Hospitality Committee. Among the hostesses were: Mesdames Ward Rolland, Robert Carroll, John Martin Askey, E. Vincent Askey, E. B. Plimpton, R. B. Hope. Mrs. Edward Palette, Mrs. John V. Barrow, Mrs. James F. Percy, and Mrs. Carl Howson poured. The second tea was the Assembly Tea, given

under the direction of Mrs. Donald Charnock, and held at the home of Mrs. Frederick Turnbull. Mrs. Charnock was assisted by Mrs. C. E. Phillips, Mrs. Newell Jones and Mrs. H. F. Whalman, with Mrs. Eliot Alden presiding at the tea table. Mrs. John Barrow introduced Dr. John Crossen, who explained some of the health problems in which he felt the Auxiliary could take an active interest. Mrs. Paul Quaintance told of her work in the Parent-Teacher Association. There were eight new members pledged and great interest was shown at this first of the assembly district functions.

In conjunction with the Public Health League the Auxiliary has been at work this month sending messages encouraging favorable action on Bills 954 and 128. As a result of energetic campaigning on the part of organized districts, hundreds of letters and telegrams were dispatched to Sacramento by lay individuals.

Mrs. HAROLD CROWE, *Corresponding Secretary*.

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Orange County.—The Woman's Auxiliary to the Orange County Medical Association were guests at the home of Dr. Harry G. Huffman on Riverside Drive in Santa Ana for their last meeting, and enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Huffman, Mrs. D. C. Cowles, Mrs. Milo K. Tedstrom, and Mrs. Kenneth Sutherland. Mrs. Hiram M. Currey and her Nominating Committee, Mrs. H. A. Johnston and Mrs. H. McVicker Smith, reported their choice of Mrs. Ray Green as president, Mrs. Sutherland as vice-president, Mrs. E. W. Kersten, as secretary, and Mrs. G. W. Olson as treasurer, in anticipation of the election in May. Discussion of magazine articles on antivivisection and of measures before the State Legislature on the same subject was held, and Mrs. Green summarized some of these articles, including one by Dr. A. C. Ivy of Northwestern University, which was written to bring out the real truths of the antivivisection crusade.

Delegates named for the annual convention in the Yosemite in May are: Mesdames Hiram Currey, Harry Huffman, Milo Tedstrom and Ray Green, with Mesdames Dexter Ball, G. W. Olson, Harry E. Zaiser and G. Emmett Raitt as alternates. Mrs. Olson and Mrs. C. G. Curtis had planned the afternoon's musical entertainment of solos, trio selections, and readings, which delighted everyone. Tea from a beautiful flower-laden table closed the festivities of the day.

ELIZABETH M. SUTHERLAND, *Secretary*.

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Sacramento County.—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held at the home of Mrs. E. T. Rulison on March 19, with the president, Mrs. Frederick N. Scatena, presiding. Delegates to the State convention were chosen as follows: Mrs. Harry Kanner, Mrs. Orrin Cook, and Mrs. George Briggs; alternates, Mrs. P. H. Guttman, Mrs. Anthony Boscoe, and Mrs. W. J. Van Den Berg. An invitation to the Placerville Women's Club on March 28 from Mrs. William Reckers for the members of the Auxiliary and their husbands to hear Mr. Frederick Blanshard give his characterization of the life of Dickens was read, and transportation offered for the trip.

Mrs. A. M. Henderson presented the special guests for the evening, the superintendents of nurses at the Sutter, the Mercy, and the County hospitals. Mrs. Helen Sparks of the Sutter Hospital spoke on the work of the doctors and nurses' official registry. Following this, Mrs. T. Binkley gave a most interesting synopsis of "The Great Waltz," which she had seen while in New York. Mr. James W. King played with fine expression the music of "The Great Waltz" as an accompaniment, and made the review intensely interesting and dramatic. After the review Mrs. E. C. Hennessy sang several numbers, accompanied by Mr. King. The entire program was greatly enjoyed by the more than fifty members present.

Mrs. Rulison, assisted by Mesdames W. P. Christman, R. Soutar, George Foster, A. R. Boscoe, L. C. Barrette, E. F. Graham and R. Bramhall, served a delicious tea from a beautifully decorated table.

SARAH L. BRENDDEL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

San Diego County.—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the San Diego County Medical Society was held at the San Diego Club on March 12. The state president, Mrs. Philip Schuyler Doane, was honor guest and speaker. She inspired the Auxiliary to greater efforts by reports of the splendid achievements of the other counties of the State. She told of the excellent speakers to be heard at the convention of the California Medical Association in May at Yosemite. Her talk was most delightful and thoroughly enjoyed.

The following recommendation was read, submitted to a vote, and accepted: "The Board recommends that the medical Auxiliary show their approval of the Visiting Nurses' Association and of their work in our city by donating the sum of \$25, the money to be earned by the Auxiliary." It was also decided that the Auxiliary will sponsor a play written by Dr. Lloyd Thompson, a member of the San Diego County Medical Society, and that the proceeds from the play will go on the fund for the Pool for Crippled Children.

Mrs. Emil Black, our president, expressed appreciation for the delightful Valentine's day tea, to which the Naval Medical Auxiliary invited the members of the San Diego County Auxiliary. Our organization gave a most successful dinner dance at the San Diego Club on March 9, for which about 120 reservations were made.

LUCILE NEWTON, *Secretary.*

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Change of Date of Annual Session.—The annual meeting of the Nevada State Medical Association will be held on October 25 and 26 at Elko, instead of September 13 and 14 as previously announced.

COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

WASHOE COUNTY

At the regular monthly meeting of the Washoe County Medical Society, which was held in the State Building on April 9, Dr. L. A. Emge, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Stanford University School of Medicine, was guest speaker. Doctor Emge chose as his subjects:

(1) What has heat to offer in the treatment of gonorrhea in women?

(2) The treatment of intractable dysmenorrhea.

(3) The control of persistent pain in pelvic malignancies.

Beginning with the subject of (1) gonorrhea in women, Doctor Emge gave as his opinion that gonorrhea, like typhoid fever, is a self-limited disease, and if left strictly alone will tend toward self-cure. He warned against meddlesome treatments and urged that no local treatment should be used unless absolutely

necessary for cleanliness and comfort. He also pointed out that it is better to treat urethral involvement by internal medication, preferably salicylic hexamethylenamin, and an increase in fluid intake, than by local instillation. He also spoke about smears, pointing out that gonococci usually disappear in from four to six months, except in Skene's glands, where they are often present from twelve to eighteen months. In this connection he touched on the question of recurrence of the disease, which he considers questionable and which he thinks is more likely a new infection, because gonorrhea does not necessarily produce immunity. He cited a number of therapeutic measures to be used in the late subacute and the early chronic cases, outlining various forms of treatment, including destruction of Skene's and Bartholin's glands by fulguration or cauterization, and of the cervix by desiccation or cauterization. For upper pelvic pathology, resulting from either the primary or secondary infection, he advocated hyperpyrexia (hyperthermia) as carried out in his clinic by the high temperature bath method. He showed that the immediate salvage is somewhere around 60 per cent. The results obtained justified postponement of surgery in most instances, and in fact, the surgical instrument in this series has been reduced to a very small fraction of the cases seen. Diathermy was discussed, but Doctor Emge was not favorably impressed with the final result.

(2) The treatment of intractable dysmenorrhea by alcoholic block of Frankenhauser's ganglia.

The anatomy was reviewed, and the technique as originally suggested by Blos of Germany was discussed. Doctor Emge pointed out that intractable dysmenorrhea is a very rare condition, and that most dysmenorrheas are readily relieved by other measures. He spoke in particular of those types which respond to emmenin, laying stress on the fact that the psychoneurotic disturbances accompanying dysmenorrhea require special attention. He felt that the present trend toward surgical treatment by resection of the presacral nerve is unjustified, and that in most instances sufferers from primary dysmenorrhea can be relieved by the alcoholic block of the pelvic sympathetic nervous system, using 70 per cent alcohol containing 5 per cent novocain. In this lantern slide demonstrations he showed the technique, which is simple and, if followed accurately, quite free from danger.

(3) The control of pain in pelvic carcinoma.

Doctor Emge reviewed the work done at the Highland Hospital by Doctor DePuy, and showed the technique of injecting one cubic centimeter of absolute alcohol into the spinal canal as advocated by Dr. Clarence DePuy. He cited his own experiences and stated that relief is usually obtained for a period of six months. He emphasized that the danger of this method is trauma to the cord, which can be readily avoided, and the possibility of producing a temporary bladder paralysis.

A short general discussion took place after the presentation of the subjects.

THOMAS W. BATH, *Secretary.*

Can Modify Heritage.—Putting equal stress on environment and heredity is an excellent point of view for the mother to take in the problem of rearing her children. "We are likely to say that nothing can be done about inherited tendencies, but really a great deal can be done by way of modifying them, encouraging the good and discouraging the bad traits." This is the opinion of Dr. Herbert B. Wilcox given in an article on child training and disease.

Though a child starts his individual development either helped or hindered by the kind of inheritance that has come down to him from his forbears, he is more likely to inherit favorable than unfavorable traits. For that reason, inheritance is by no means the only thing and probably not the most important thing that determines mental and physical make-up. The right kind of treatment will greatly influence any inherited tendencies.